

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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SHARED SUMMER SERVICE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 11, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Worship Leadership: Dan Beveridge, Wilma Bell Wessel,
John Whyte

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GATHERING WORDS

We invite the cosmos to worship with us, the glittering galaxies high in the sky radiating a divine splendour; nebula, nova and black holes; giving thanks for the fascinating formation.

From stardust to stardust.

We call on the Logos, the divine wisdom of the Deep, all chaos shouting for joy with us.

From stardust to stardust.

We summon that piece of stardust called Earth, to pulse with the rhythm of divine presence and celebrate the goodness of this planet garden,

from stardust to stardust.

We invite millions of living species to dance with life, the turtle, the toad and the elephant, the earthworm, the ant and the dragonfly. We invite every creature in the web of creation to consciously connect in this community called the cosmos.

From stardust to stardust.

Amen.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ,
**nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate
for justice and social action. We love and care for
ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.**

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE

WE SING MV #135

Called by Earth and Sky

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.

Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.**

OUR OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O GOD OUR CREATOR, SUSTAINER AND REDEEMER,

We confess that we are too complacent, timid and lazy to speak out for justice. We have done little to challenge or change the systems that maintain our lifestyle but which we now know cause harm to many fellow humans and other creatures of your creation.

We are afraid to follow Jesus' example of standing up for those who are disenfranchised, oppressed, and seeking their truth. We hear the cries of pain of the Earth but we are slow to speak up for the species which have no voice and for the future generations yet unborn.

We have failed to take care of the earth. We have built systems that despoil and plunder the earth: the land, seas and atmosphere; that cause the extinction of many species of wildlife; that upset the balance of the earth's ecological systems.

We have built systems of abuse and caused untold suffering to the First Nations of what we call our land.

Yet, your Holy Spirit calls to us and guides us, even when we fail time after time to respond.

For all of this we are truly sorry.

We open our hearts once again to the healing and redeeming of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the Good News. The Holy Spirit came to abide in us and we in the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit never gives up on us.

We are a forgiven and cherished people who can be empowered to do better.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MV #31

Pure Love

Pure love, (pure love),
Pure truth, (pure truth),
Pure justice, (pure justice),
God.

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WE LISTEN

PSALM	Psalm 24
READING	All Our Relations
HEBREW BIBLE	Amos 7:7-9

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,
may we find wisdom for living.

SOLO	God of the Sparrow (VU #229) Wilma Bell Wessel
REFLECTION	For the Love of Creation: Justice and Climate Change

WE RESPOND

WE SING VU #307 Touch the Earth Lightly

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Darnell's Story (video)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

OFFERING

OUR RESPONSE

Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community.
All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity.
Sharing, caring, learning, growing,
Rising to each neighbour's needs.
Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus leads!

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

WE SING MV #212

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

Sent out in Jesus' name,
our hands are ready now

to make the world the place
in which the kingdom comes. (x2)

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

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WORDS OF MISSION/SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE